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REMARKS

All of the claims have been rejected as anticipated by Kamei (U.S Patent No. 5,528,698). Claim 1 as amended recites "capturing an image of a plurality of occupant seating areas" and "classifying a plurality of occupants in the occupant seating areas." Kamei only discloses classification of a single occupant area. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated.

Claim 10 recites "an image sensor for capturing an image of a plurality of occupant areas" and "the processor analyzing the subimages to determine a classification of the occupants in each of the plurality of occupant areas." Kamei does not disclose an image sensor for capturing an image of a plurality of occupant areas, or classifying occupants in each of a plurality of occupant areas.

Claim 20 recites "capturing an image of a plurality of occupant areas" and "classifying an occupant in each of the plurality of occupant areas." Kamei does not capture an image of a plurality of occupant areas or classify an occupant in each of the plurality of occupant areas. Therefore claim 20 is not anticipated.

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